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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADAPTIVE SERVICE  
INTERWORKING

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Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of 12/17/2001, please correct informalities in the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for adaptive service interworking, the method comprises the steps of:

a) in response to receiving a set-up message from a sending party, obtaining connection information of an end-point network switch, wherein the set-up message identifies a receiving party, and wherein the receiving party is operably coupled to the end-point network switch;

b) interpreting the connection information to determine whether the end-point network switch is capable of supporting a transparent link between the sending party and the receiving party; and

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